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SUBJ: RESTRICTIONS ON FOREIGN TRAVEL

REF: A. STATE 2652 B. TOKYO 200

SUMMARY. TRANSPORT MINISTRY ACTION TO RESTRAIN TOURIST TRAFFIC OUT OF JAPAN HAS SO FAR BEEN LIMITED TO REQUEST MADE NOV 20, 1973, THAT TRAVEL AGENCIES AND AIRLINES STOP PROMOTIONAL ADVERTISING, REFRAIN FROM SIGNING NEW TOUR CHARTER CONTRACTS, CANCEL EXISTING CONTRACTS IF POSSIBLE, AND GIVE PREFERENCE TO NON-TOURIST TRAVELLERS. END SUMMARY.

1. IN FOLLOW-UP TO REPORT IN REFTEL B, EMBOFF HAD DISCUSSION WITH TRANSPORT MINISTRY (CIVIL AVIATION BUREAU) OFFICIALS CONCERNING QUOTE ADMINISTRATIVE GUIDANCE UNQUOTE MEASURES DESIGNED TO RESTRAIN JAPANESE TOURISM. OFFICIALS INDICATED THAT LETTER DATED NOV 20, 1973 HD BEEN SENT TO ALL INTERNATIONAL CARRIERS SERVING JAPAN INFORMING THEM OF GOJ DECISION TO EXERT EVERY EFFORT TO CONSERVE ENERGY RESOURCES. CARRIERS WERE SPECIFICALLY ASKED TO COOPERATE

IN THIS EFFORT BY RESTRAINING TOURIST AND OTHER LEISURE CHARTER SERVICES. JCAB IS MONITORING SUCH CHARTER SERVICES ON BASIS
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OF MONTHLY REPORTS SUPPLIED BY CARRIERS BUT HAS SO FAR TAKEN

NO FURTHER ACTION. INAMURA'S
STATEMENT (PARA 2 REFTTEL B) THAT MOT HAD BEEN REQUESTED TO USE ITS
INFLUENCE TO REDUCE TOURIST CHARTERS PRESUMABLY REFERS TO NOV
20 LETTER.

2. PRINCIPAL CARRIERS INVOLVED ARE JAL AND PAN AM. JAL REPORTEDLY
CANCELLED SOME YEAR-END CHARTERS IN RESPONSE TO MOT REQUEST, BUT FOR
MOST PART ACCOMMODATED TOUR PASSENGERS ON SCHEDULED SERVICES.
PAN AM TOKYO REP STATED THAT PAN AM HONORED ALL OF ITS YEAR-END
CHARTER COMMITMENTS AND WHILE IT IS NOT NOW NEGOTIATING NEW
CONTRACTS IT IS MAKING QUOTE AVAILABILITY OFFERS UNQUOTE WITH
VIEW TO CONCLUSION OF CONTRACTS WHEN FUEL SITUATION BECOMES
CLEARER. (PAN AM REP SAID HE CONSIDERED MOT'S NOV 20 LETTER TO
BE HORTATORY AND PAN AM'S DECISION TO SUSPEND SIGNING NEW CHARTER
CONTRACTS WAS BASED SOLELY ON COMMERCIAL CONSIDERATIONS RELATING
TO UNCERTAINTIES OF FUTURE PRICE AND AVAILABILITY OF FUEL.)

3. WHILE IT THUS APPEARS THAT TOUR CHARTER TRAFFIC OUT OF JAPAN
HAS NOT BEEN MATERIALLY AFFECTED BY FUEL SITUATION TO DATE, IT
SEEMS LIKELY THAT EFFECTS WILL BE FELT LATER (BEGINNING ABOUT
APRIL OR MAY ACCORDING TO MOT OFFICIALS) IF FUEL SITUATION DOES
NOT IMPROVE.
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